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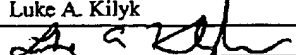
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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated December 14, 2006, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before March 14, 2007.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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